

MASI Show Classes 2008

1. Aquascaping

Must be a naturalistic aquascape; may include realistic artificial materials, will be judged on overall artistic impression and impact, must contain fish

2. Novelty

Theme tank designed/built by entrant, must contain at least one live fish

3. Domestic and Fancy Finned Egglayers

All “man-made” and domestic colors, veils, albinos, and long fins– Bloody parrots and Flower-horns should be entered in this class.

4. Domestic and Fancy Finned Livebearers

All “man-made” and domestic colors, albinos, veils, lyretails, hifins, and long fins EXCEPT for guppies

5. Guppies (includes Endler’s Livebearers)

6. Betta splendens

7. Goldfish

Classes 8 – 19 are for Naturally Occurring species, subspecies and locality variants.

8. Wild Livebearers (except Goodeids)

9. Goodeids

10. Cichlids – New World

11. Cichlids – Old World

12. Discus

13. Anabantoids

14. Characins

15. Cyprinids – includes Sharks and Loaches

Barbs, Danios, Rasboras, Minnows, and their relatives

16. Catfish – Armored Cats (Callichthyids)

Members of Corydorass, Aspidoras, Brochis, Hoplosternum and their relatives

17. Catfish – All other Catfish

18. Killies – Old World

19. Killies – New World

20. All Other Fish

Fish not included in any of the above Classes

21. Aquatic Critters

Includes fully aquatic Amphibians, Crustaceans, Insects, and other Invertebrates, both Fresh-water and Marine

22. True Aquatic Plants

23. Photography

Must be taken by Entrant, includes photos, slides, video and electronic media

24. Arts & Crafts

Must be made by Entrant

25. Collectibles

Must be Fish or Aquarium Related

26. White Elephant Collectible

A fun class for all! Must be Fish or Aquarium Related, but it must be the most awful thing you can find!

MASI Show Rules for 2008

Entry:

Open to all with payment of entry fees. Junior entrants are encouraged. Multiple entries per tank allowed as long as they are compatible and easily distinguishable by the judges (i.e. male/female, color variants, different species, etc.). Plant entries are allowed with fish entries in the same tank. All entries are eligible for Class 1, Aquascaping, without additional fee.

As a matter of ethics, entry must be the property of the entrant for at least 60 days before Show and/or must be work of Entrant. No deformed, diseased, artificially colored (painted, dyed, or injected) or illegal fish may be shown.

Display:

All fish are to be entered in flat-sided bowls or tanks a minimum of 1/2 gallon or larger up to 30 gallons (for larger tanks, entrant must provide their own proper aquarium stand). Bare tank entries are allowed in all fish classes. All entries must be neatly covered to prevent fish jumping out. Plastic “critter tanks” with snap on covers are strongly encouraged for bare tank entries.

All entries may be lighted. Even for bare tank entries it is suggested that the sides and back of the display be covered with an opaque covering (i.e. paint, contact paper or commercial background) so the fish may feel comfortable and show their best. Gravel or sand may be used on the bottom. Live plants are encouraged. Filtration and aeration are optional, but strongly recommended for the health of the entry. Air and electrical outlets will be supplied. Guppies, Killies, and Betta splendens may all be entered singly or in pairs in covered bare bowls or tanks of 1/2 to 1 gallon in size. Naturalistic artificial decorations are allowed in all entries, and a flowerpot or PVC pipe may be used if needed for the comfort of the fish. For Class #23 – Photography – For video/electronic media, entrants must supply resources for viewing their entry. Single picture entries must be printed for viewing.

Judging:

All entries will be sight judged based on appropriate standards for the fish being judged.

Decision of Judges and/or Show Chairman is final. Show Chairman may move entries to appropriate classes if entered in wrong class or if there are too few entries in class.

Awards:

First, Second and Third place in each Class; Best Junior Entry; Reet Thomas Outstanding Livebearer Award (ALA); Ralph Wilhelm Outstanding Catfish Award; Best Egglayer; Best Cichlid (ACA); Best Discus (NADA); Judges Award for the most Outstanding Entry; and Best Fish in Show.

2008 MASI Show Schedule April 18, 19 & 20

Wednesday April 16th Entries and Banquet Reservations Due!

More information about the speakers and the show on the website:

[www. Missouri Aquarium Society .COM](http://www.MissouriAquariumSociety.COM)

6:00 PM Layout at Klaus Bertich's home

Thursday April 17th

General meeting, bring last minute show questions!!

Friday April 18th

8 AM -12 PM Show rack setup at the Stratford

Noon - Midnight - Entry setup at the Stratford

6 PM Dinner with the speakers at Sesame Chinese restaurant

Saturday April 19th

7:30 AM Judges Breakfast

10:30 AM Showroom open

10:30-11:45 **Kingfish Ray Lucas** - "Get Hooked on Tropical Fish! The State of the Hobby: Industry and Clubs"

1:15-2:30 **Mike Schadle** - "An Introduction to Aquarium Livebearers"

2:45-4:00 **Ad Koning** - "The Feeding Strategies of Malawi Cichlids"

5 PM. Cash Bar opens

6 P.M. Banquet and

Awards dinner, with Charley Grimes - "Native Fish Fever—Collecting Natives in the South and Midwest"

Sunday April 20th

Auction - Showing 10:00 AM

Donation auction begins 11:00 AM

Regular auction begins immediately after Donation Auction ends

5:00 PM Raffle Drawing

5:00 PM Show Teardown begins. No teardown before this without approval of the show chairman!!